

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 8, 2018

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Julie Robinson, Chairperson	ABSENT
Del Ames	PRESENT
Jeff Scherer	ABSENT
Carol Sibbel	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen, ex-officio	PRESENT

STAFF

Dr. Michael Chipps
John Blaylock
Lyle Kathol
Lynne Koski
Derek Bierman
Amanda Nipp
Lindsay Spiegel
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Craig Garrett
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Brenda Sock

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Anderson	ABSENT
Donovan Ellis	PRESENT
Keith Harvey	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Gene Willers	ABSENT

MINUTES

1. External Relations Committee member, Del Ames, convened the meeting at 1:41 p.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting.
3. Dr. Tracy Kruse provided a review of the Nebraska Senate results, reporting that Ben Hansen was elected the District 16 representative, Mike Moser the District 22 representative, and Tim Gragert will serve as the District 40 senator.

Congratulatory comments were also extended to Northeast Community College Board of Governors incumbents who retained their seats: Del Ames, Carol Sibbel, Steve Anderson, Terry Nelson, and Julie Robinson.

4. Dr. Tracy Kruse reported that the Foundation Board of Directors met October 23rd at which time the auditing firm of Dana F. Cole presented the Foundation's Audited Financial Statement of June 30, 2018 and 2017 and the 2017 Form 990. The Foundation received an unmodified audit. The Foundation is moving forward with changing their status from a supporting organization to a public charity.
5. Dirk Petersen reported that he serves on the Workforce Industry Council of Blueprint Nebraska and they will meet next week in Kearney, NE. He anticipates that a skilled workforce will be the main topic of discussion.

6. Dr. Michael Chipps reported that the Community College National Legislative Summit is scheduled to be held in Washington, DC, February 10-13, 2019. If interested in attending, please contact Diane Reikofski to register by the December 21st early bird deadline.
7. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 1:47 p.m.